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THIS LOOKS GOOD

LANDLORD AND TENANT GETTING TOGETHER.

In any business undertaking a frank understanding of the points of view entertained by the various parties involved is always helpful in avoiding possible misunderstanding. This is especially true in the relation between the landlord and tenant.

Arthur Lumbrick, county agent in Vermillion County, Illinois, has recently held a series of meetings which have gone far toward bringing about a mutual understanding between the landlord and the tenant as well as the improvement of leasing contracts. First, a meeting of the tenants was held which was followed by a meeting of the landlords. A joint committee was appointed which conferred in regard to the subjects brought out at the discussions of the two groups. This joint committee consisted of three landlords and three tenants which had about six weeks in which to perfect its report. This report was referred to a special committee of the county farm bureau by which it was adopted. The main subjects covered by the joint report are:

- (1) Cooperative farm business planning.
- (2) Cooperative fertilizing.
- (3) Longer tenures and less shifting.
- (4) Less bidding of one tenant for a farm 'built up' by another.
- (5) Promotion of livestock farming by stock-share leasing.
- (6) Adequate building equipment for tenant's home and type of farming.
- (7) Better care of premises by tenants.
- (8) Roughages to be fed and returned to the land.
- (9) Extension of legume area to 20 or 25 per cent of cultivated area.
- (10) Adoption of Illinois system of permanent agriculture.
- (11) Permanent bureau committee on land tenure.
- (12) A landlord-tenant demonstration farm tour this summer.

Some of the above goals can be arrived at in the near future, while others will be more or less a part of a permanent program. It looks like a long step in the right direction.

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